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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT	IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE			
In re application of: Gary Greenfield, et al.	Attorney Docket No.: SRI1P037/US-3979-3			
Application No.: 09/938,444	Empire v. D. A.C. YVanna			
Filed: August 23, 2001	Examiner: Bret C. Hayes			
Title: CONTAINER FOR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE	Group: 3644			

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) (37 CFR §1.114)

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

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Dear Sir:

Prior to consideration on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.